

information provided by DOE, CBO estimates that states would be required to provide matching funds of approximately \$5 million in fiscal year 1996. CBO has no basis for estimating the matching requirement in future years.

9. Estimated impact on the private sector: This bill would impose a new private sector mandate as defined in Public Law 104-4. It would eliminate an existing limit on the Secretary of Energy's authority to require an importer or refiner of petroleum products to maintain readily available inventories of petroleum products in the Industrial Petroleum Reserve. The existing authority has not been used and CBO estimates that the Secretary would not use the expanded authority granted by S. 1605. Thus, we estimate that the mandate would impose no additional costs on the private sector.

10. Previous CBO estimate: On April 22, 1996, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2596, a bill to reauthorize the Energy Policy Conservation Act through 1999, and for other purposes, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on March 13, 1996. Differences between that estimate and the estimate for S. 1605 result from differences in the two bills. In particular, the two bills authorize spending for different years, and, in some cases, for different programs and amounts.

11. Estimate prepared by: Federal Cost Estimate: Kathleen Gramp—SPR and Energy Conservation Victoria Heid—OCS. State and Local Government Impact: Marjorie Miller. Private Sector Impact: Patrice Gordon.

12. Estimate approved by: Robert A. Sunshine for Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.●

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE OF COSTS—S. 1888

Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. President, in compliance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has obtained a letter from the Congressional Budget Office containing an estimate of the costs of S. 1888, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments of 1996, as reported from the committee. In addition, pursuant to Public Law 104-4, the letter contains the opinion of the Congressional Budget Office regarding whether S. 1888 contains intergovernmental mandates as defined in that Act. I respectfully request that the opinion of the Congressional Budget Office be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in its entirety.

The opinion Follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 20, 1996.

Hon. FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN, The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 1888, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments of 1996, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 19, 1996. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting S. 1888 would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

S. 1888 would postpone the expiration of the provisions in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) related to energy

emergencies from June 30, 1996, to September 30, 1996. This extension would authorize the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue to operate the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, participate in the International Energy Agency, and conduct related activities through the end of fiscal year 1996. Because funds have already been appropriated for these programs for all of fiscal year 1996, CBO estimates that enacting this will would not have any significant impact on the federal budget. Federal spending over the next three months would be affected by the bill only in the event that an energy emergency necessitates additional DOE expenditures for actions authorized by EPCA.

S. 1888 does not contain any intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in Public Law 104-4.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Kathleen Gramp, who can be reached at 226-2860.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. BLUM
(For June E. O'Neill, Director).

WEST VIRGINIA BIRTHDAY

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, this is a proud moment for me and the citizens of the State as we celebrate the 133d birthday of our beautiful home.

On June 20, 1863, West Virginia gained its independence from Virginia in the midst of the Civil War. Since that time when the Nation's brotherhood was severed, West Virginia became the 35th State to enter the Union and has remained a strong and vital part of this country.

Known as the Mountain State, West Virginia is proud of its existence. Its beauty is evident as its rolling hills cover the land and its rivers and lakes surround the valleys. It is a place full of distinct culture and crafts. From the northern panhandle to the eastern panhandle extending down to the border of Kentucky, West Virginia offers some of the Nation's finest workers, industries, and businesses. We continue to welcome new corporate members to our West Virginia family, including most recently Toyota. Each year more visitors come from all over to go skiing, hiking, whitewater rafting, and do many other activities that are first rate in West Virginia. No matter what the season, West Virginia is a beautiful place to live and visit, loved throughout the world.

I could continue forever about what this fine State has to offer and contribute to its people, its visitors, and this country. For the past 133 years, West Virginians have been loyal to the Union and to the State because they are proud of who they are and what they have become. Let us all come together to celebrate this fine day and this wonderful State we call West Virginia.●

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR THOMAS KEYS ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION AS A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the founder of

the National Scrip Center, Monsignor Tom Keys, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a Roman Catholic priest. Monsignor Keys founded the National Scrip Center in 1986 to help save a Catholic high school that was facing a quarter of a million dollars worth of debt. The National Scrip Center provides an innovative gift certificate program to help schools and nonprofit organizations generate revenues for their programs.

Monsignor Keys has given numerous nonprofit organizations across the country opportunities to expand and succeed through the money they raise from Scrip. Since 1986, Monsignor Keys' Scrip Center has grown steadily and now helps over 5,000 organizations across the country. I congratulate Monsignor Keys for all his hard work over the years in establishing Scrip which has become a vital program for so many nonprofit groups. His entrepreneurial spirit has brought community nonprofit groups and businesses together in a remarkable show of unity. He is a role model for all of us to follow.

The National Scrip Center's education, training and fundraising support services have helped a network of 5,700 neighborhood Catholic, Jewish and Protestant private, parochial, and public schools and nonprofit affiliates in more than 30 States.

Under Monsignor Keys' leadership, the center empowers nonprofits to help themselves generate operating funds. One of his primary goals is to provide children and young people with opportunities for affordable quality education. The Scrip Center was first started at the St. Vincent's Parish in Petaluma, CA. Now, the national center is a network of nonprofits raising money for important causes, provides a customer service department, software for marketing and accounting purposes and other services.

I congratulate Monsignor Keys for his vision and determination. The National Scrip Center is a remarkable symbol of his 25 years of dedication to his community as a Roman Catholic priest. I am proud of his efforts and commend his inspiration to nonprofit organizations across the country. He has touched so many lives in the process. Best wishes to Monsignor Keys on his 25th anniversary as a spiritual leader, and I wish him continued prosperity, happiness, and blessings as the Scrip network of nonprofit organizations continues to grow.

TRIBUTE TO SHELLY LIST

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I want to pay tribute to the late Shelly List, a novelist, television writer, and journalist of great distinction, whose work was not only commercially successful, but also highly regarded by critics and other artists.

Shelly List was probably best known to Americans as the producer of the successful and pioneering television